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Dear Wes:

At last here is the long-promised letter with more information about your new Publications Committee. I truly appreciate your taking this on because I know that getting something started is always so much more difficult than just picking up where someone else left off.

I've enclosed the list of all of the SEAALL committees. Since your people are all volunteers, rather than draftees, they should be willing workers. Lawrence Cortek, whom I assume you know, wrote that he would particularly like taking on some sort of special project. Very likely, you may want to give various committee members responsibility for specific jobs. It's entirely up to you.

Here's a brief list of a few ideas that the committee might consider:

1. Advising the newsletter editor on policy and management matters (production methods, advertising, the nature of material to be published, etc.)
2. Developing guidelines for SEAALL publication projects:
 - a. Types of publications that might be undertaken, e.g., bibliographies, research guides, salary surveys, other statistical surveys, chapter procedures manual, model library procedures manual, legal history papers
 - b. Gathering information on actual production methods, production costs, distribution, etc.
 - c. Investigate the possibility of having SEAALL members' work published in the AALL Occasional Papers Series.
3. Initiating one or more publication projects to be carried out during this year (and into the next if necessary). Possibilities might be a salary survey or a much-needed chapter procedures manual. Some preliminary work was done on the latter a few years ago. So there is some material to start with.

Of course another natural would be the "practice bibliographies" that ran in the Southeastern Law Librarian over the last several years. Since some of these were done at least three years ago, they would require updating. A few of the original compilers are no longer living in the states where they were when they did the things, but surely someone else would take on the job if necessary. Another possibility would be an expansion of the series on state legislative materials that ran in the newsletter.

No doubt your committee will have plenty of ideas both about these proposals and others of their own. So it's your baby to do with what you like. Of course I'll be very interested in keeping abreast of what the committee is doing. So I'll look forward to hearing from you as you progress. Just let me know if you need anything from me or the other officers.

Again, Wes, thanks for being such a willing helper. We'll be in touch soon.

Sincerely,

Carol